

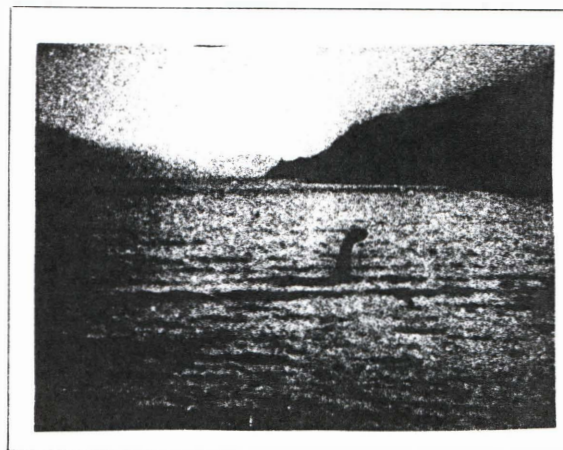
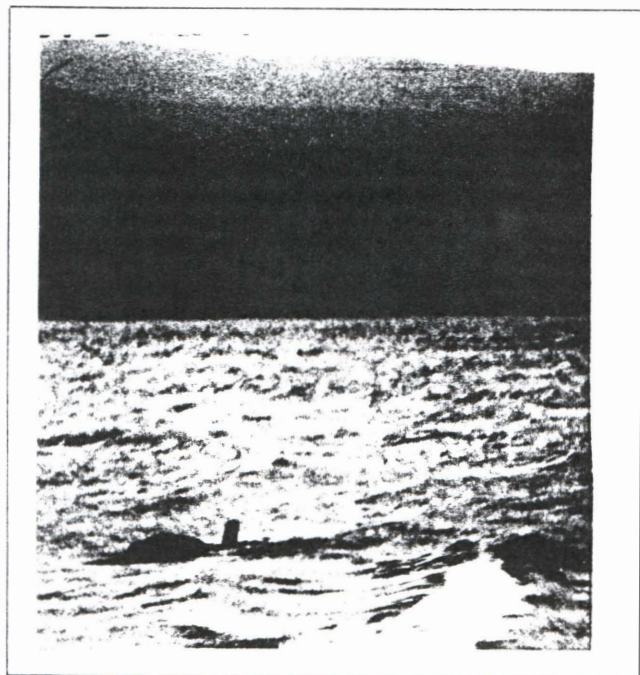
THIS IS BILK NUMBER SEVEN. / SECOND YEAR. / MARCH 1986 / EDITED BY  
ULRICH MAGIN / BILK APPEARS BI-MONTHLY. / SUBSCRIPTION IS £ 3 FOR  
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#### BEHEMOTH:

● LAKE KOL-KOL, USSR: A TEAM OF EXPERTS FROM THE SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES HAS SOLVED THE 10-YEAR OLD RIDDLE OF A MONSTROUS SERPENT IN LAKE KOL-KOL, KAZAKHSTAN, USSR. A DINOSAUR-LIKE MONSTER HAD BEEN SEEN THERE FOR SOME YEARS, ABOUT 20 YARDS LONG, AND MAKING LOUD TRUMPETING NOISES. TASS NOW REPORTS FROM ALMA ATA THAT AN EXPEDITION OF THE INSTITUTE OF EVOLUTIONARY MORPHOLOGY AND ECOLOGY OF ANIMALS FOUND A NATURAL EXPLANATION FOR THE MONSTER'S APPEARANCE. "ACCORDING TO THE RESEARCHERS, THE DEEP LAKE IS CONNECTED WITH UNDERGROUND CAVITIES BY MUD-COVERED CRACKS. WHEN THE MUD IS WASHED AWAY AND WATER RUSHES DOWN, LARGE WHIRLPOOLS APPEAR. AND IF AIR IS SUCKED IN AS WELL, THE LAKE STARTS 'SINGING.'" (THE TIMES, 18.1.1986, P. 5A)

AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE FIRST REPORT OF THE MONSTER OF KOL-KOL APPEARED IN THE TIMES SOME 10 YEARS PREVIOUSLY: A GEOGRAPHER, A. PECHERSKY, HAD SEEN A SNAKE-LIKE MONSTER IN THE SMALL LAKE. (THE TIMES, 30.1.

#### NEW NESSIE PHOTOGRAPHS BY AMERICAN TOURIST SHOW HEAD AND NECK



THESE PICTURES WERE TAKEN BY ON APRIL 1ST, 1986, BY THE AMERICAN TOURIST JOHN K. EEL, WHO SENT THEM TO ME AFTER READING MY ARTICLE ABOUT DEAD NESSIES IN PERSUIT. THEY WERE

TAKEN NEAR ALTSIGH YOUTH HOSTEL AT THE MOUTH OF ALTSIGH BURN. THE FIRST PICTURE SHOWS THE CREATURE SWIMMING PAST THE PHOTOGRAPHER IN A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 50 FT., THE SECOND SHOWS IT SOME MINUTES LATER, THE HUMP IS NOW FULLY SUBMERGED, AND THE HEADNECK IS SHOWING ITS FULL LENGTH.

1977, p.2d). LATER DR SERGEI KUMOV, A SOVIET BIOLOGIST OF CRYPTO-ZOOLOGICAL FAME, EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF IN THE REPORT. (THE TIMES, 2.II.1977, p.7d). THEN, IN SUMMER 1977, AN EXPEDITION OF THE SOVIET GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY ~~xxx~~ CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF THE MONSTER IN THE LAKE, AS ONE OF THE MEMBERS HAD ACTUALLY SEEN STRANGE UND UNIDENTIFIED WAVE PATTERNS. (SÜDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG, 23.IV.1977, p.12d)

THIS SEEMS TO BE A POOR YEAR FOR CRYPTOZOOLOGY/ OR A GOOD ONE, IF YOU LIKE, AFTER THE CHINEESE IDENTIFIED ONE OF THEIR MONSTERS AS BIG FISH, AND THE RI WAS FOUND TO BE AN ORDINARY DUGONG. AND NOW THE RUSSIONS FOUND A SIMPLE EXPLANATION FOR ONE OF THEIR MOST WELL-KNOWN MONSTERS.

● AFRICA: THE GERMAN MAGAZINE "GEO", PUBLISHED IN HAMBURG, REPORTED IN ITS JANUARY 1986 EDITION ON PAGE 184/85 ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CRYPTOZOOLOGY, MENTIONING THE NAMES OF HEUVELMANS, MACKAL, REGUSTERS, AND THE OPINIONS ABOUT THE AFRICAN DINOSAURS. GEO IS A VERY SERIOUS MAGAZINE, AND THIS IS ONE OF THE FIRST MENTIONS OF CZ IN A PAPER OF THAT FAME IN GERMANY.

● LOCH NESS: CONTINUING MY ATTEMPT TO FIND ALL REPORTS OF DEAD NESSIES, HERE IS ANOTHER ONE: THE SÜDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG, MUNICH, REPORTED ON 22.XI.1973, p.40a, THE THE JAPANESE EXPEDITION HAD FOUND "UNIDENTIFIED BONES" IN THE LOCH. NO MORE NEWS ABOUT THIS, BUT THIS FIND NOW COMPLETES A COLLECTION OF ROUGHLY TWO DOZEN REPORTS OF REMAINS OF DEAD MONSTERS IN THE LOCH.

● LOCH NESS: GERMAN DIRECTOR RUDOLF ZEHETGRUBER PRODUCED A COMEDY-MOVIE CALLED NESSIE, WHICH WAS PARTLY FILMED ON LOCATION IN SCOTLAND, AND PARTLY IN GERMAN STUDIOS. THE FILM WAS SHOWN IN SOME CINEMAS IN NOVEMBER, BUT VANISHED FROM THE PROGRAMMES SOON, IT WAS AN OBVIOUS FLOP. I HAVEN'T SEEN THE FILM, BUT FROM WHAT I READ ABOUT IT, IT MUST HAVE BEEN HORRIBLE - WITH ILJA RICHER, A GERMAN TV-CLOWN, AS MAIN ACTOR. (GONG, 2.VI.1984; BIRMINGHAM POST, 7.XII.1985; AND TWO MORE WHICH I CAN'T FIND AT THE MOMENT.)

● LAKE CHAMPLAIN: JOE ZARZYNSKI, IN A LETTER ACCOMPANYING THE RECENT ISSUE OF CHAMP CHANNELS, INFORMED ME THAT THE SUBSCRIPTION HAD TO BE RAISED TO \$ 9 FOR THE USA AND \$ 10 FOR FOREIGN COUNTRIES. THE UPDATE ON CHAMP CHANNELS IN THE NEWSLETTER IS VERY INTERESTING AND SHOWS THAT MOST SIGHTINGS ARE MADE IN THE NARROW PARTS OF THE LAKE - THEREFORE A FAVOURITE SPOT FOR FREAK WAVES ETC. THE DESCRIPTION OF REPORTS IS ALWAYS VERY, SOMETIMES TOO SHORT TO DECIDE WHEATHER A WAVE WAS OBSERVED OR A MONSTER. CHAMP CHANNELS CAN BE ORDERED FROM L.C.P.I. PO-Box 2134, WILTON, NEW YORK 12866.

ISIS:

I HAVE RECENTLY SEARCHED THE MADRID/SPAON NEWSPAPER ABC AND FOUND SOME INTERESTING REPORTS OF FORTEANA, THOUGH I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO MAKE NOTES OF MOST OF THEM. BUT, AS ALWAYS, I CONCENTRATED ON WATER MONSTERS, AND HERE ARE 2 OF THE SEVERAL MERMAID CASES I FOUND:

● YEMEN: IN THE RED SEA, NEAR YEMEN, A STRANGE FISH WAS CAUGHT: IN PLACE OF A FISHTAIL, HE HAD TWO LEGS OF A WOMAN. THE SOURCE OF THIS REPORT IS SAID TO BE LONDON PAPERS, BUT I COULDN'T FIND IT IN THE DAILY TELEGRAPH OR TIMES. THE MERMAID SOUNDS VERY MUCH LIKE A JENNY HANIVER, AND THAT IS WHAT I THINK IT WAS. (ABC, 13.IV.1973, p.53c)

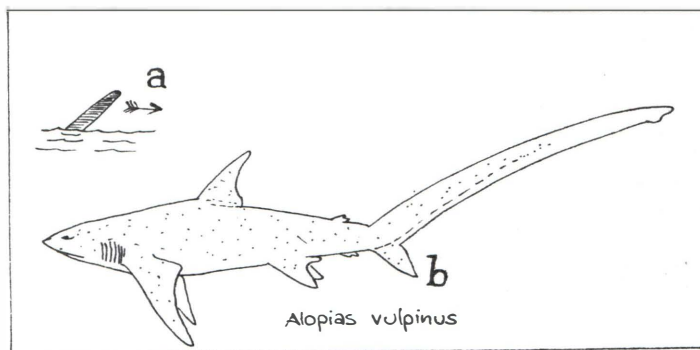
● HURGHADA, EGYPT: NATIVE FISHERMEN COUGHT THREE SIRENAS, REPORTED THE CAIRO NEWSPAPER 'AL AHRAM'. TWO OF THE SIRENAS WERE FEMALE, ONE MALE. ABC WONDERS WHY THE EGYPTIAN PAPER REPORTS THE INCIDENT WITHOUT SENSATIONAL WORDS, BUT MISSES THE PUN - SIRENAS HERE MEAN DUGONGS, AND NOT MERMAIDS! (ABC, 29.VII.1975, p.64b)

● HISPANOLA: "GEO", MENTIONED ABOVE, JANUARY 86, p.40-52, HAS A STORY ABOUT THE FLORIDA MANATI. IT ALSO MENTIONES THAT COLUMBUS WAS THE FIRST TO SEE THAM, ALLUDING TO HIS MERMAID ENCOUNTER. YET WHAT COLUMBUS SAW DEFINITELY WERE NO SEACOWS, BUT THREE MERMAIDS WHICH JUMPED HIGH OUT OF THE WATER, SOMETING SEACOWS NEVER DO. AND COLUMBUS ALSO SAW AND DESCRIBED MANATIS WITHOUT USING THE MERMAID ALLUSION LATER.



## LEVIATHAN:

● BELLE ÎLE, BRITANNY, FRANCE: TWO OR THREE SIGHTINGS OF A LONG-NECKED SEASERPENT (A) WERE MADE THERE RECENTLY ( I GUESS THAT MEANS 1985), J.J. BARLOY INFORMED ME. EXPERTS (?!?) DECLARED THAT ONLY THE TAILS OF THE SHARK *ALOPIAS VULPINUS* (B) HAD BEEN OBSERVED, BUT THIS IS VERY UNLIKELY, AS THE TAILS MOVE OPPOSITE TO THE SUGGESTED MOVEMENT OF A LONG-NECKED SEASERPENT. (THANKX TO J.J. BARLOY)



● FALMOUTH, CORNWALL: AFTER WRITING TO THE COASTGUARD, AND THE FALMOUTH PACKET, AND GETTING NO REPLY, I FINALLY GOT THIS YEARS MORGAWR SIGHTING FROM J. AND C. BORD (WHO, I UNDERSTAND, GOT IT FROM DOC SHIELDS...SO THANKS TO ALL THREE).

IN JULY, NO BETTER DATE IS GIVEN, JENNY HALSTEAD AND ALICE LEE FROM YORKSHIRE, SPOTTED MORGAWR "NEAR FALMOUTH". THEY WERE TOO ASTONISHED TO TAKE A PHOTO, BUT MADE A DRAWING, WHICH LOOKS MORE LIKE DOC SHIELDS GIANT SQUID THAN HEUVELMANS LONG NECKED MAMMAL. I FIND THE DRAWING VERY UNCONVINCING, UNLESS WHAT I THINK IS THE HEAD-NECK WAS IN FACT THE TAIL, BUT THEN, YT COULD HAVE BEEN A WHALE. THEY TOLD THE PACKET: " AT SOMETIME BETWEEN 6.30 AND 7 P.M., FROM A POSITION AT ROSEMULLION OVERLOOKING THE SEA, WE WITNESSED A GENUINE LIVING MONSTER OF THE DEEP." NO SIZE. NO COLOUR. NO DESCRIPTION OF BEHAVIOUR. NO EXACT DATE. WHEN I SEARCHED THROUGH THE PACKET LAST SUMMER, I WAS ANGRY ABOUT THE TOO OFTEN CARELESS WAY OF REPORTING MONSTER STORIES IN THAT PAPER. (FALMOUTH PACKET, 26.VII.1985)

## MARINE FORTEANA:

● AT THE END OF JANUARY, THE GERMAN SHIP 'ERLENHAIN' VANISHED WITHOUT TRACE AROUND BREST, FRANCE IN THE GULF OF BISKAYA. THE SHIP WAS SAILING UNDER PANAMA'S FLAG AND HAVING A CREW OF SEVEN. THERE WAS NO SOS OR OTHER SIGNS OF DESASTER, BUT ANOTHER GERMAN SHIP HAD INCIDENTALLY FOUND AN EMPTY BOAT OF THE SHIP. 40 SHIPS AND PLANES SEARCHED FOR THE MISSING SHIP, BUT FAILED TO FIND ANY TRACE OF IT. (DIE RHEINPFALZ, 28.1.1986 AND 1. 11.1986)

AND THERE WAS A FUNNY NAME GAME THAT WEEK: THERE HAD BEEN SEVERAL SHIPPING ACCIDENTS AND SINKINGS IN THE AREA THAT WEEK, DUE TO STORMS ( WHICH IS VERY LIKELY THE SOLUTION TO THE ERLLENHAIN MYSTERY), AND THE GERMAN FREIGHTER 'BREMEN' SAVED THE CREW OF A DAMAGED YACHT FROM SAN FRANCISCO, USA. THE NAME OF THE YACHT WAS 'UNDER REPAIR IV'!

(Rheinpfalz 30.1.1986)

END!

SOME ENGLISH READERS, OBVIOUSLY LED TO BELIEF BY MY SOMETIMES FUNNY ENGLISH, THAT I DO NOT KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT THE LANGUAGE I'M WRITING, HAVE TOLD ME TO BE CAREFUL, AS BILK MEANS SOMETHING ON ITS OWN BESIDE ABBREVIATING BEHEMOTH/ISIS/LEVIATHAN AND KRAKEN. I WAS FULLY AWARE OF IT, AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY I CHOOSE THE NAME. THE WHOLE BUSINESS OF MONSTERS IS FULL OF LIES AND MISTAKES...AND EVEN IN THIS NUMBER OF BILK A HOAX APPEARED: THE PIX ON PAGE 1 ARE BOTH FROM ME, AND BOTH WERE TAKE AT LOCH NESS, BUT THE FIRST SHOWS A LOG, AND THE

SECOND IS A PAINTING ON THE NEGATIVE. BUT I SOLEMNLY ASSURE YOU THAT THIS WILL BE THE ONLY HOAX I HAVE EVER PUBLISHED HERE. I HOPE YOU ENJOYED READING BILK 7, NEXT ONE IN MAY...ULRICH. STUHLBRUDERHOFSTRASSE 4, 6704 MUTTERSTADT, WEST GERMANY PLEASE SEND IN NEW SIGHTINGS & GOSSIP ETC.

